

AUGUST 24, 2004-REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The following Board members were present: Larry Jones, Chairman, Tim Pauls, Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Rosier Cuchens, Commissioner Lane Rees, and Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, and Attorney Gary Vorbeck, Legal Services Director, were also present.

Commissioner Pauls led with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

The consent agenda was presented consisting of the following items:

1. EAL Approval

General Fund	\$	348,949.49
County Transportation	\$	558,479.46
SHIP	\$	2,197.00
Fine & Forfeiture	\$	66,705.72
Debt Service Hospital	\$	-
Mosq. Control State	\$	-
Mott Sign Grant	\$	-
Section 8 Housing	\$	16,567.26
Tourist Dev. Council	\$	210,532.00
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$	2,169.15
W. Co. Library	\$	8,432.23
Recreation Plat Fee	\$	-
Public Safety- 911	\$	10,647.86
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$	192,364.41
Mossy Head VFD	\$	5,644.06
Glendale VFD	\$	2,414.87
Darlington VFD	\$	659.71
Red Bay VFD	\$	204.75
Local Option Gas Tax	\$	-

Special Law Enf. Trust	\$	-
Driftwood Debt		
Service	\$	-
Criminal Justice Ed		
Fund	\$	-
Bldg Dept/Enterp.		
Fund	\$	6,113.42
Capital Projects Fund	\$	197,164.15
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$	625.00
Totals	\$	1,629,870.54

2. Approve Minutes of ~~March 11, 2004 Special Meeting~~
August 11, 2004 Special Meeting
August 03, 2004-Land Use Hearing
August 10, 2004-Regular
3. Records Disposition Request

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the consent agenda with one change reflecting that the minutes of March 11, 2004 should read August 11, 2004. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Commissioner Cuchens requested an update on the 331 pier. Mr. Collier stated that the final drawings have been sent to the Corps of Engineer and DEP for approval. The county is waiting for permits.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Imfeld for his work with the disaster teams in south Florida after Hurricane Charley.

Mr. Imfeld advised that he has been notified that challenges have been filed against the permitting for the beach renourishment project. Due to the challenge, construction cannot begin prior to fiscal year 2006. Therefore, the monies for beach renourishment have been removed from the proposed budget. The current budget is now \$95 million rather than the \$116 million, which still includes all of the capital projects.

Commissioner Pauls commented on the stormwater grant projects. He also commented on how extensive the permitting process is and that the county has waited a long time for permits. Commissioner Cuchens asked for an update on the specific permits. Mr. Dan Arner, Public Works, stated that they are awaiting approval of the conservation easement from DEP for Holiday Shores. He also stated that they have been waiting on permits for Hammock Point. The permitting process is pending for Oyster Lake.

Chairman Jones recognized Ms. Janice McLean from the City of Freeport. He reminded the commissioners of their commitment to support the city in their effort to expand sewer to the areas north of the bay. Ms. McLean presented a proposed resolution for installation of sewer in the outlying areas of Freeport for an approximate cost of \$9 million. The areas include Highway 331 to Bay Grove, Black Creek, Jolly Bay and Highway 20. She felt that the tap fees and impact fees would pay for the project. She stated that the City of Freeport would only draw the money out in phases. They expect to be able to perform the project for about \$3 million. Commissioner Rees asked if this would impact the county's bond ratings in any way. Commissioner Pauls questioned what the best method would be regarding grant loans or loan guarantees. He also asked about the 320 acre site. She stated that the property is part of what was purchased by Regional Utilities. Mr. Bell stated that if the board agrees with the concept then the county will work with them to put it together.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees, to approve the loan concept by the City of Freeport and present further information back to the board at their next meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye,

and Pridgen Aye. Commissioner Pauls asked that the area along Highway 20 near Alaqua also be included.

Mr. William Pennington, Finance Director for the Clerk of Courts, appeared before the commissioners regarding Credit Card Payment Options for the board. He stated that they are continually looking at ways to enhance customer service. Mr. Pennington recommended leasing the equipment in order to remain current with ongoing changes. He also recommended adding a convenience fee in the amount of \$3.00 for each transaction. The clerk's office has been accepting credit card payments for about one year.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees, to approve for the board to accept credit card payments in the form of VISA, MasterCard and Discover. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. David Kramer asked about advertising for RFP's for credit card services. Mr. Pennington stated that the banking firm, selected by RFP's, recommended Key Merchant Services. Chairman Jones questioned if the Board desires to advertise for RFP's.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Pridgen to advertise for RFP's for credit card payment services. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Jennifer Christenson presented the final plat for Bear Creek Cottages for approval. The project consists of a 27 lot single family subdivision. Planning staff recommended approval subject to the developer replacing the plat with a better copy and a note being added that the developer shall not sell or build on lots 14, 15, and 26 until public sewer is available. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the Bear Creek Cottages final plat for recording with the stated conditions. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Christenson presented the final plat for Driftwood Estates Phase IB for approval. The project is a 169 lot single family residential subdivision. Planning staff recommended approval. Commissioner Pauls questioned issues relating to storm water. He voiced concern with the storm water plans not working after build out. Mr. Arner stated that there has been a settlement with Edmonds, who agreed to reinstall their connection. He felt there should be a great amount of improvement once the reconnection is complete. Mr. Arner explained that this is part of the Old Sandestin DRI and the plans were previously approved in the late 80's. He stated that they have met the requirements of the Code even without the connection. Commissioner Pauls stated that he wants the public to be aware that the project has met the requirements of the code. Commissioner Cuchens stated that approval should be contingent upon the connection being made. Commissioner Pauls stated that the county has followed their code. Attorney Vorbeck stated that the board can postpone this issue until the parties can be questioned. Mr. Arner stated that the interior lots have outfall. Commissioner Pauls stated that the county needs to review the language in the code regarding pop-offs.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the Driftwood Estates Phase IB final plat for approval. Commissioner Pauls asked Mr. Arner to look at language regarding to pop-offs. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Chairman Jones recommended the board draft a letter to DEP asking them to explain the problem regarding permitting. Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls for Mr. Bell to draft a letter to DEP. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Christenson presented the final plat for Greenway Park Subdivision for approval. The project is a 54 lot single family residential subdivision. Planning staff recommended approval. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve Greenway Park Subdivision final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Christenson presented the final plat for Cottages of Eastern Lake for approval. The project is a 23 lot single family residential subdivision. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve Cottages of Eastern Lake final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Christenson advised that she previously presented a recreation dedication at Cottages at Inlet Beach. It was accepted in order to meet the recreation requirement. She advised that she now has an executed deed. The developer is retaining an easement for the residents of the subdivision. The public will retain the right to use the easement.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls, to accept the dedication at Cottages at Inlet Beach. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Chairman Jones called to order the advertised public hearing to consider the Imperial Lakes MSBU. Mr. Bell presented the proposed resolution explaining that the MSBU rate will remain the same. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to adopt the Imperial Lakes Rate Resolution (2004-56) at same rate as last year. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Russ Barry, Public Works Director, appeared before the board regarding changes to Chapter V of the LDC. The first recommended section was Transportation Systems and the second refers to Construction Standards, which covers the White Sand Protection Restrictions. The transportation section relates to right of ways. Commissioner Pauls stated that he would like to present the proposed language at a public hearing. Part of the goal is to allow for situations where there is no 50 foot right of way and still allow for a road. The new language should have a date referenced. The board requested a public hearing be set. Commissioner Pauls also spoke about sidewalk language. He stated that clarification is needed for developers using the sidewalk funds. Multi purpose trail needs language clarification.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to hold a public hearing on September 28 and October 12, 2004 to consider revised language to Chapter V of the LDC. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented an update relating to permitting issues for the Coastal Dune Lakes. Mr. Michael Bomar and David Karley, Jones Edmunds & Associates, appeared before the commissioners and presented a timeline for the permitting process for the

Coastal Dune Lakes. He presented a list showing the emergency permits obtained by DEP. The four lakes being reviewed are Western Lake, Eastern Lake, Oyster Lake, and Alligator Lake. He spoke about the types of permits and the information required by DEP. The timeline covered information showing when the permits were requested, when meetings were held with DEP, and when permits were issued. He also explained delays by DEP when they requested additional information. The title determination is only for the outfall area of the lake. Mr. Karley stated that they are looking for additional title determinations for eastern and western lakes. Commissioner Rees asked what steps are being taken to expedite the permits. Mr. Bomar stated that they are communicating with DEP staff at this time. The request from DEP for additional information included shifting the review office from Pensacola to Tallahassee. Commissioner Rees recommended that the county's lobbyist should become involved and be made aware of the situation. Commissioner Pauls requested that all parties be provided the information regarding the permits in order to stay informed.

Mr. Barry requested the Board accept Kirby Lane, Zone 1, for maintenance. He stated that by adding Kirby Lane, it would allow public works to address the drainage issues in that area.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to accept the Kirby Lane for maintenance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented a right of way agreement for the Dunes of 30A. He requested approval of the right of way agreement as written. Commissioner Pauls questioned if the proposed lighting at the pedestrian crosswalk is consistent. Mr. Barry stated that it is.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees, to approve the right of way agreement for the Dunes of 30A. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented change order #1 for Church Street and Churchill Bayou. Additional driveway culverts are required due to more residents moving in, which increased the cost by \$17,200. He recommended approval. Mr. Barry explained that policy states that the county will pay for the cost during the pre-construction phase. However, the owner will pay for it when moving in after construction. Mr. David Kramer stated that he is a property owner on the road and was advised to purchase his own culvert. He requested reimbursement as he was told by the county to purchase his own. He also stated that the county has dug a ditch across his property and repeatedly went on his property again after being told not to. He asked the board to instruct staff to repair the drainage ditch. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would be in favor of reimbursing Mr. Kramer for the culvert. Commissioner Pauls stated that policy needs to be consistent. If someone can provide plans showing they are going to build then the county will provide the culvert. Commissioner Cuchens felt that Mr. Barry has acted responsibly. Chairman Jones advised that caution needs to be taken throughout the entire county for fairness to everyone.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve change order #1 for Church Street and Churchill Bayou in the amount of \$17,200. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented the Alys Beach Right of Way Agreement. The agreement includes 30A improvements and installation of a temporary bike path during

construction. The county engineer has reviewed and approved the language of the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the Alys Beach Right of Way Agreement. Mr. Kramer voiced objection to the butteries. He stated that the butteries are lighted and will contain signage, which violate Chapter 7 of the LDC. He also stated that the trees being plated by the butteries would block the visual triangle. Commissioner Pauls asked if this project is a PUD. Mr. Arner stated that it is part of the PUD and was previously approved by the board. Commissioner Pauls stated that the PUD allows a developer to basically write their own standards. He stated that there is not funding associated with the maintenance of CR 30A.

Attorney Ken Goldberg, representing Alys Beach, stated that the agreement is a standard agreement for all right of ways. Commissioner Rees stated that the irrigation system is causing water to flow onto 30A. Mr. Barry will look into the situation with water going into the road to see if there are any controls. Chairman Jones called for a vote on the motion to approve the agreement. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented an estimate in the amount of \$355,948.60 for the paving of the JD Miller Connector Road. Paving will occur from JD Miller road into the back of the annex. Mr. Barry recommended approval. He advised that the additional cost does not include the entry way into the Zone 3 maintenance facility. However, it does include the bike path.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the estimate for the paving of the JD Miller connector road as presented by CW Roberts. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented the bid recommendation for the four connector roads: CR 83, CR 283, CR 395, & CR 393. CW Roberts submitted the only responsive bid in the amount of \$2,819,512.45. Mr. Barry advised that the county will retain 13,000 tons of milled asphalt from the project. Mr. Hudson questioned why CR 393 was being repaved if the bike path was not being added at this time. Mr. Barry explained that the bike path would be disconnected from the road and could be done without tearing the road up. Commissioner Cuchens asked to obtain an estimate for paving Ridge Road while the contractor is working in the same area.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the low bid in the amount of \$2,819,512.45 to CW Roberts for paving of the four connector roads. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Rees asked what it would cost to survey all the roads in Old Seagrove. Commissioner Pauls agreed with extending the survey to include all of the roads in Old Seagrove. Chairman Jones questioned what the benefit would be. Mr. Barry stated that they would have to review the situation to determine if there are any benefits.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees, to expand the survey to include all of Old Seagrove. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Chairman Jones requested that public works evaluate King Lake Road from U.S. 331 up to Paradise Island Drive and Paradise Island Drive. He stated that it is in need of repairs.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Robert Shelton, Chairman of the Beach Safety and Enhancement Committee, appeared before the Board regarding beach safety. He presented the recommendations that came from a community. The following were some of the recommendations that resulted from the meeting. Seemore the Safety Crab was a part of the messaging and marketing tool that was adopted. Mr. Shelton spoke about the importance of getting the message out, especially to the kids. The flag warning system was enhanced by adding additional flags. Flags have been posted where they can be seen from anywhere on Walton County beaches. Brochures and collaterals have been distributed throughout the community with the assistance of the Tourist Development Council. Partnerships with local media and volunteers have also helped in communicating the information. He commended the TDC, Commissioner Pauls, Mr. Bell emergency service personnel, and local vendors for their assistance in helping them achieve their goals. He spoke about the youth of the county who stepped forward and designed the logo of "Know Before You Go". He recognized those youth present who assisted in designing the logo: John Burns, Cami Fletcher, Gillian Gilbert, Jessica Tedesco, Will Motch, and Drew Pursevol. Commissioner Pauls stated that the work they did was outstanding and commended them for a great job. The slogan will be used for many years.

Mr. Imfeld responded to questions by Commissioner Rees stating that the proposed 2004/05 budget is \$95 million. Commissioner Rees stated that there has only been a 32% increase in the budget since his taking office, not including the road paving budget.

Mr. Collier, Construction Manager, requested approval of the low bid for the demolition of the old hospital in the amount of \$99,628. Skinner Grain & Fertilizer Company presented the low bid. He spoke about their ability to perform the job for less because they own their own equipment. Mr. Collier recommended approval.

Mr. J. B. Hillard thanked the Board for accomplishing the task of removing the old hospital. He asked what direction the county would go from here. Mr. Bell stated that they will hold another community meeting and meet with the City to develop a joint use of the property. Mr. Crim asked about saving the brick for the veteran's memorial. Mr. Little stated that the veteran's were looking into the issue. Commissioner Cuchens asked to save the brick for a veteran's memorial.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the bid to Skinner Green for demolition of the old hospital. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye. Mr. Collier will discuss the brick issue with Skinner Green.

Mr. Collier presented the change orders for the courthouse renovations. The overall change increased in the amount of \$35,193 to the entire contract.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the change orders as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye. Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Collier for his work.

Mr. Edwin Baltzley, Interim Emergency Response Director, presented the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the CON. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Baltzley presented a request on behalf of Red Bay Fire Department. He requested to set a public hearing to transfer monies from reserves for the purchase of a fire truck.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to hold a public hearing on September 14, 2004 to consider a budget amendment for the Red Bay Fire Department. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Baltzley presented the scope of work for the Hurricane Evacuation Abbreviated Transportation Model for Walton County. Mr. Bell spoke about the evacuation transportation study. PBS& J performed the original study and has submitted a proposal for the update to the study. The data currently being used in the study are 2000-2002 figures. Mr. Bell stated that the estimated cost is \$22,050.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve to proceed with the updated study. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Gary Hulion, Code Enforcement Officer, requested a waiver of the sign ordinance on behalf of the South Walton Fire Fighters. He explained that they will be

holding a special event at the old EMS building on CR 393 and would like to place signs out for advertisement.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the waiver for the fire fighter's special event. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Hulion presented a proposed calendar for community clean up dates. Over 780 cubic yards have been removed up to this point. Commissioner Cuchens commended code enforcement, public works, and landfill staff for the work put forth to assist with these community clean ups. The work has been tremendous on behalf of the staff. The Board thanked Commissioner Cuchens for his efforts in organizing community clean up days. Chairman Jones asked if staff could be rotated. Commissioner Cuchens asked about getting a grapple truck that could lift the items into the trucks. Chairman Jones spoke about those organizations that need to perform community hours that might be willing to provide assistance. Mr. Bell stated that Mr. Barry could research the possibility of obtaining a recycling grant for the needed equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve the schedule presented and to research any available grant funding for the purpose of purchasing the necessary equipment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Hulion stated that he has researched the options relating to the fence ordinance. He recommended adding a permit for construction of a fence. An alternative would be to remove Section B from the code. Option 2 provides specific language regarding the requirement for homes within a subdivision versus the requirements outside

of a subdivision. Mr. Hulion recommended option 2. Mr. Bell read a letter on behalf of Mr. Wilson Holley regarding the fencing issue. Chairman Jones stated that if changes are to be made that they need to be made one time and done right. He wants it changed for the betterment of the county. Commissioner Cuchens recommended setting a date for a workshop for input from the public. Chairman Jones stated that he would like to see staff set a meeting with residents to allow for public comments. Staff will schedule several meetings throughout the county for public comment and present the information back to the Board. Mr. Goodwin asked for state regulations to be presented at the public meetings.

The following three firms were present to present their qualifications for performing the 30A Traffic Study: HSA Consulting, Genesis Group, and Louis Berger.

HSA Consulting: Ms. Gay Smith appeared before the Board on behalf of HSA Consulting. Ms. Smith spoke about her firm's qualifications and the study area. She stated that they are familiar with the area because of the work they have performed for DOT. She stated that the firm was founded in 1990 and has provided an extensive range of transportation and land use planning, traffic engineering, surveying and mapping, and GIS services. Mr. Michael Cleland spoke about the services required. He also displayed a map depicting the roads in the study area.

Commissioner Pauls questioned what data collection method is used and where they obtain the information. Ms. Smith stated that they have in house data collection, information from DOT, and automated traffic counters. Collecting data during peak seasons would be the best. Mr. Barry commented that Public Works would be involved with

the study group during the process. Ms. Smith stated that their firm would designate four to six individuals to the study.

Genesis Group: Ms. Debbi Dantin, Sr. VP, introduced the team and explained her experience and background. She spoke about their commitment to Walton County. Mr. Ben Chandler, AICP, and Tracy Forrester, ITS Manager, each explained his background and experience. Ms. Dantin explained some of the work their group has performed and is currently performing. She explained their approach to the project and the importance of reviewing all other pertinent information. They will look at the land development potential, future DRI thresholds and fair share ordinance. She commented on the mitigation opportunities that are available. Their main goal is to take advantage of the many studies that have been done and to ensure mobility for all users, balance mobility demand and to maintain beauty.

Commissioner Pauls questioned what data collection method is used and where they obtain the information. Ms. Dantin stated that they are using DOT count locations. They will also use the counts done by the county as well as new counts. They will also look at seasonal counts.

Louis Berger: Mr. Dane Ismart explained his firm's experience. He spoke about his past experience and educational background. His approach to the project would be to review the LDC and to review the traffic manual. He will also be looking at signalization. Mr. Ismart stated that mitigation needs to be considered. The proposed study approach is to use the ITE procedures and pass-by trips. He will calculate the trips and offer recommended improvements. Improvements for consideration will be potential for three laning, turn lanes, and improvements in signalization. Multi-modal will be dealing with

bicycle compatibility index based on DOT research. The length of each segments are critical issues for review. He will also look at peak season versus other times.

Commissioner Rees questioned if the use of golf carts would be considered. Mr. Ismart stated that they will consider golf carts and the best use for them. Commissioner Pauls questioned Mr. Ismart's familiarity with CR30A. He stated that he has traveled it, but has not performed any studies on it.

There were two firms submitting qualifications for the Concurrency Study: Genesis Group and Louis Berger.

Genesis Group: Ms. Debbi Dantin addressed the commissioners regarding the concurrency review. She explained who would be representing the county for this project. She explained why they feel they would be the best qualified firm for providing services to the county. Ms. Dantin also explained the previous work performed for the county.

Mr. Ben Chandler, Project Manager, addressed the commissioners and explained their strategy for the concurrency review. He commented on shortening the segments to provide better counts. They would look at peak hour conditions. He explained the many options that could be considered. Mr. Chandler stated that they want to provide consistency within the entire county.

Louis Berger Group: Mr. Ismart spoke about the approach to the study. He recommended this study being tied in with the CR30A traffic study. He spoke about needed improvements with current signals. He stated that they will look at the current deficiencies.

The commissioners scored the firms and presented the totals for the 30A Traffic Study. Genesis Group – 85; HSA – 74; and Berger - 62.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to inter into negotiations with Genesis Group for the 30A Traffic Study. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Judkins appeared before the commissioners regarding safety issues on Holiday Road. Mr. Judkins requested the county lease him a portion of property near his residence. He stated that he is having problems with people parking in front of his home and blocking his driveway. Mr. Bell stated that there is a “No Parking Ordinance” (2003-15) that includes Holiday Road. Mr. Judkins stated that the county placed no-parking signs up, but the sheriff’s department will not enforce it. He therefore asked to be able to lease the property in order to have the authority over the property. Commissioner Pauls stated that he wants a meeting with the Sheriff’s Department to discuss the enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. Judkins stated that the trucks are continually parking in the right of way. Chairman Jones stated that the Sheriff’s Department needs to be aware of the ordinances and be sure it is being enforced. Mr. Bell stated that they are attempting to set up a meeting with the sheriff’s department. Mr. Judkins stated that the sheriff’s department is responding to his calls, but they will not do anything when they get there. Ms. Shari Judkins stated that the trucks are blocking their driveway. She stated that because of inadequate parking across the street, they are parking in the right of way. When a deputy responds, they will not enforce the ordinance. Chairman Jones stated that the sheriff needs to enforce the ordinance. Ms. Judkins explained that Sprint placed a utility box in the location they leased for a parking space and now park beside the box. Commissioner Cuchens felt that the Judkins created the

situation because of their lease with Sprint. Ms. Judkins advised that they are working to correct the problem with Sprint.

Commissioner Pauls stated that the county has attempted to correct the problems. They have improved the road and installed no-parking signs. The county needs to address it in terms of safety. He commented on the parking issues throughout the county.

Chairman Jones presented the total scores for the Concurrency Study: Genesis – 88 and Berger - 72.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees, to enter into negotiations with Genesis Group for the Concurrency Study. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resource Director, presented proposed revisions to Policy 12 - Holidays. This addresses fire fighters and EMS personnel due to the shift work. This language will be presented again for a final reading. Commissioner Cuchens questioned language in the policy. Mr. Mattison stated that the change is necessary to allow for holiday pay.

Mr. Mattison presented a requested change relating to Ordinance 2002-05 - Recognition Ordinance. The proposed change referred to recruitment procedures for lodging and relocation expenses for managerial positions. This would provide flexibility when considering those positions. Chairman Jones recommended generic language and not obligating it to specific positions. Commissioner Cuchens commented that these positions can be filled within the county. This issue is for review.

Mr. Mattison announced that the county's picnic will be held this week in honor of no lost time accidents. He stated that Walton County is in the top five in the state for no-loss time accidents.

Mr. Bell presented the settlement agreement between Florida Community Services and Inlet Beach Water Systems. Attorney Vorbeck, Legal Services, stated that this is the timeline schedule. Mr. Charles Peters stated that Inlet Beach has accepted this agreement. He also explained the timeline in the agreement. Chairman Jones asked if Mr. Peters would provide monthly updates. Mr. Peters agreed to provide the requested updates to the board. Mr. Vorbeck stated that the provision in paragraph 2 states that sewer service will be available on the south side by April 2005 and by July 2005 on north side. Mr. Peters stated that availability is having the force mains or gravity lines available for a homeowner to access the sewer line. Commissioner Cuchens questioned paragraph 2. Mr. Peters stated that it means "all" properties south of Highway 98.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve the agreement between Walton County and Inlet Beach Water Systems for providing sewer services. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, requested an addition to Walton County Housing Agency Administration Plan. Ms. Ingrid Burmeister requested approval to adopt language placing restrictions on portability. She explained that this would reduce the amount of rent Section 8 Housing pays for residents who move out of the area or even out of state.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve the Portability language. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell presented an update regarding to the Kellogg property donation. He requested to proceed with the concept, working with the TDC, and bring it back to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the concept relating to the Kellogg property. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell requested the board approve the closing of CR 30A on Sunday, March 6, 2005 for the Seaside Neighborhood ½ Marathon and 5K road race. Mr. Bell recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the request on behalf of the Seaside Neighborhood and to waive any county fees associated with the event. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell requested to appoint Ms. Laura Brazwell to the School Readiness Coalition in place of Cecelia Jones.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the appointment of Ms. Laura Brazwell. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell presented the Morrison Springs Lease Agreement for approval. He reminded the board about the issue relating to diving and swimming. He stated that the county will post “dive or swim at your own risk” signs.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the Morrison Springs Lease Agreement. Mr. Kramer asked about renewal and management plan. Mr. Bell stated that the county has one year to develop the plan. Mr. Kramer asked about use of the property after sunset. Mr. Bell stated that it can be addressed in the management plan. Mr. Kramer also asked about the mineral rights. Mr. Bell stated that it was made clear that no water would be pumped out of the springs. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a request on behalf of Channel 13 TV requesting the board adopt a resolution declaring the month of August as South Walton Professional Fire Fighter’s Association Appreciation Month. The recognition is on behalf of all those fire fighter’s who supported MDA and the “Fill the Boot” campaign.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Commissioner Pridgen, to adopt a resolution (2004-55) declaring the month of August as South Walton Professional Fire Fighter’s Association Appreciation Month. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a request to apply for a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant for the Alaqua boardwalk and fishing pier. The grant is \$36,000 and requires no county match.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees, to approve application for the Boating Improvement Grant. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that he is meeting with DOT regarding the traffic signal at CR 395. Chairman Jones asked to move expeditiously on this issue and asked the board to give Mr. Bell the authority to take any action necessary to get the light up as quick as possible. Commissioner Pauls stated that Mr. Olsen has offered to assist with funding of the signal at CR 395.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees, to authorize Mr. Bell to proceed with necessary action relating to the installation of the traffic signal at CR 395. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Pauls stated that he has had discussion with residents on Sugar Drive who voiced concern with exiting onto Highway 98. He requested that Mr. Bell work with public works, the community safety team, and DOT, in order to get a turn lane for Sugar drive. The board concurred.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that the government has allocated monies for the widening and resurfacing of Site C6 Road. A portion of the road is county property and he therefore requested additional funds to help widen and resurface the road from the reservation boundary to Highway 20. Commissioner Cuchens requested to allow CW Roberts to pave that portion while he is paving other roads in that area. The board approved to negotiate with CW Roberts. Mr. Bell will present the cost estimates at the next meeting for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Larry D. Jones, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court